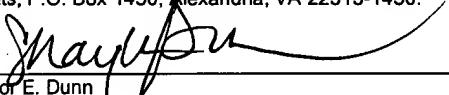


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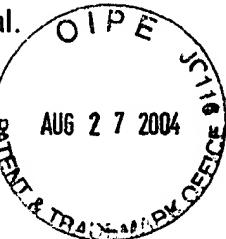
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Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated February 27, 2004, having a term that expired on May 27, 2004. A petition for a 3-month Extension of Time extending the deadline for responding to the Official Action up to and including August 27, 2004 is attached hereto. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the subject U.S. Patent Application as indicated on the following sheets: